



Committee On Finance

Max Baucus, Ranking Member

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Baucus Statement on Further Need for Congressional Access to CMS Actuary Findings
Senator Concerned by Further Proof of Lack of Access

U.S. Senator Max Baucus:

"I am a strong supporter of the Medicare prescription drug legislation that we passed last year and look forward to overseeing its implementation.

But I still continue to have grave concerns about the disparity between the Medicare cost estimates the Administration reported versus the Congressional estimates, especially given the new information that has been recently revealed about how much information the Administration had on the true cost of the bill.

This February, I introduced legislation that would require the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services career actuaries to provide Congress with direct and open access to their information and estimates. It was unacceptable that Congress was denied access to this valuable information during the Medicare negotiations and my bill will ensure that can't happen again."

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